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BASED THEREON

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to calculating claim fees, please enter the following amendments into the file of the present application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-83 without prejudice or disclaimer and add the following new claims 84-

141.

A variant allele of a human mu opioid receptor gene comprising a DNA sequence having a variation in SEQ ID NO:1, wherein said variation comprises T67C; T124A; C153T; G174A or 187INS:GGC, or combinations thereof.